

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, there are thousands of young people who, for a variety of reasons, can no longer live securely in their own homes; and

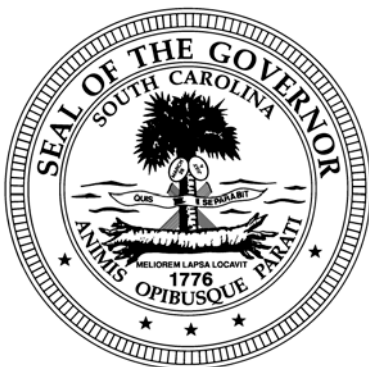
WHEREAS, foster families throughout South Carolina and the nation open their homes and hearts with care and love to offer guidance and a safe, stable environment in which these children can grow and learn; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Foster Care Month calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable, and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2004 as

FOSTER CARE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor foster families throughout South Carolina and the nation for their many contributions to the well-being of our children and to work together to raise awareness of the needs of foster families and foster children throughout the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA